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SUBJECT: GUYANA ELECTION- NEW PARTIES

1. FOUR MORE HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THREE ESTABLISHED POLITICAL PARTIES, MAKING A TOTAL TO DATE OF SEVEN THAT PLAN TO CONTEND JULY 16 ELECTION. EPEOPLES NATIONAL CONGRESS(PNC), PEOPLES PROGRESSIVE PARTY(PPP), AND UNITED FORCE(UF) WHICH WERE ALL REPRESENTED IN JUST DISSOLVED NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, HAVE BEEN JOINED BY THE LIBERATOR PARTY, POOR PEOPLES CONGRESS, PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT, AND GUYANESE LIBERATION ASSOCIATION.

2. LIBERATOR PARTY SPAWNED BY GUYANA ANTI- DISCRIMINATIONS MOVEMENT(GADM), A GROUP OF INEFFECTIVE LARGELY MIDDLE- OF- ROAD AND MIDDLE CLASS PROFESSIONALS AND INTELLECTUALS WHO OPPOSE BOTH BURNHAM AND JAGAN. HOWEVER, MILITANT ADVOCATE VIOLENT CHANGE MOHAMMED INSANALLY, UG LECTURER, ALSO LISTED AS MEMBER. DESIGNATED CHAIRMAN IS CONTROVERSIAL BUT RESPECTED DENTIST J. K. M. RICHMOND, A FORMER UF CABINET MEMBER DURING PNC- UF COALITION PRIOR TO 1968 ELECTIONS AND PERSISTENT
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CRITIC OF BURNHAM. UF PARLIAMENTARIAN ARCHIE SUTTON AND UF FORMER CITY COUNCILLOR VERA LOPES HAVE ALSO DECLARED THEIR ADHERENCE TO LIBERATOR PARTY, THIS FURTHER DECIMATING ALREADY PERILOUSLY WEAKENED UF.

3. POOR PEOPLES CONGRESS, REPORTEDLY HEADED BY POET A. S. SEMOUR, HAS NOT YET ANNOUNCED ITS PROGRAM. RECENTLY FORMED PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT IS HEADED BY FORMER BURNHAM SUPPORTER AND PNC MINISTER, C. M. LLEWELLYN JOHN, NOW STRONGLY OPPOSED TO BURNHAM AND PNC. GUYANESE LIBERATION ASSOCIATION IS LED BY MOHAMMED NAZIR, A FORMER POLITICIAN AND BUSINESSMAN TRYING TO COALESCE EAST INDIAN OPPOSITION ELEMENTS.

4. ALTHOUGH, FORMATION THESE NEW PARTIES REFLECTS EXISTANCE SUBSTANTIAL GROUP ALIENTED INTELLECTUALS AND FORMER OR ASPIRING POLITICIANS ESTRANGED FROM OR UNACCEPTABLE TO PNC OR PPP, NONE CAN BE TAKEN TOO SERIOUSLY AS THREATS TO PREDICTED OVERWHELMING PNC SUCCESS IN JULY ELECTIONS. ANNOUNCED MEMBERSHIP LIKELY TO SHIFT AS NEW ALLIANCE FORMED AND DISSOLVED. NEW PARTIES CLAIM SERIOUS FINANCIAL BACKING AND SOME HINT AT US SUPPORT. PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM HALF- SERIOUSLY ACCUESED AMBASSADOR LAST WEEKEND OF BACKING LIBERATOR PARTY(BEFORE NEW PARTY NAMED OR ANNOUNCED). FON MIN RAMPHAL ASSURED AMBASSADOR THAT BURNHAM DID NOT REALLY BELIEVE THIS BUT THOUGHT MANY DO. KING

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